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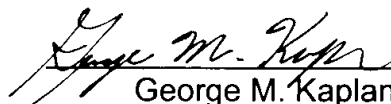
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EP 419 936 is described in the background portion of the present application and cited in the enclosed Search Report from the counterpart European application (an English set of claims is enclosed). U.S. Pat. No. 5,467,184, WO00/34735 and DE 4231578 were also cited in the counterpart European Search Report which categorizes all references. The remaining art (including DE 4231578) was cited in a Search Report in the priority German application, with English abstracts of all the German citations being provided. Accordingly, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance of all non-English references under M.P.E.P. § 609 has been provided.

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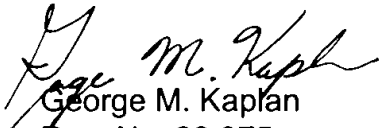
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The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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